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THE great value, and manifold uses, of what might be truly styled an UNIVERSAL HISTORY, formed upon a well-regulated, and extensive plan, were so obvious to the learned world, that, upon the first appearance of such a scheme, it met with the most favourable reception; and so much of it as hath been hitherto published, has been so generally approved, that we need not waste either the reader's time, or our own, with recommendations: it will be sufficient to say, that it hath been cited by foreign writers, some of them in the highest reputation, with testimonies of esteem. It hath been translated into several languages. It hath been favoured through all the *British* dominions, with a reception that may be safely urged as an argument of its merit; and though the proprietors had great reason to complain of the invasion of their rights, yet, however detrimental to them those surreptitious editions may have been, they certainly added credit to the work; which, if it had been less valuable, would never have been exposed to such unjust depredations.

The kind encouragement they next met with in their *octavo* edition, enabled them to continue their endeavours, and to fulfil

their engagements to their generous subscribers, in prosecuting the remaining part of so great an undertaking, with the same diligence and attention, as well as trouble and expence, as had been employed about the first. It is with great satisfaction that they now acquaint the public, that their indefatigable pains have not been ineffectual; that the greater part of the MODERN HISTORY, written by the same hands which were the authors of the ANTIENT, is already in their possession; and that the whole will be completed in a manner suitable to their design, in a very short time. This is a piece of *literary intelligence*, which they have good reason to believe will be no less acceptable to the public, than agreeable to themselves, as it will free them from those importunities to which they have been subjected, from the time when their last subscription closed; and for which however they think themselves obliged to return thanks, as it was a mark of public approbation.

From a just sense of this, they had it under their consideration, to propose a subscription, at the opening of the approaching year, for the remainder of the work; to wit, the MODERN HISTORY: but, upon signifying their intentions to some persons of distinction, in point both of rank and learning, it was suggested to them, as a thing very proper and expedient, to *republîsh* their ANTIENT HISTORY; and they were brought to a compliance in this respect, amongst many others, by the following reasons:

1. Because there were many who declined purchasing the UNIVERSAL HISTORY upon the former subscription, on account of its not being complete, and from an apprehension that it might be left an imperfect work; but who, upon the removal of this fear, would be very willing to take the advantage of a republication; and the rather, as they were convinced, that so great a number of sheets as is contained in the work, was never before offered to the public at so low a rate.

2. That the bulk, and great expence, of both parts required the conveniency of a monthly publication, to render it agreeable to the generality of the world; and, as it is both the inclination and interest of the proprietors to consider this circumstance, such an argument could not fail of having its just weight.

3. As it is intended, that the MODERN HISTORY shall immediately follow this *republication* of the ANTIENT; it will afford sufficient leisure to examine the several parts of that work, and to render it, in every respect, consistent, as well as compact and complete, by a careful review of every *particular history* before it goes to the press; and proper correction where required, so as to prevent its running any risque from that haste and hurry, which will be otherwise unavoidable upon an immediate periodical publication.

These reasons, as they equally regard the public and the proprietors, have determined the latter to this method. Having therefore

fore communicated the genuine motives of their conduct in this affair, it only remains to offer a succinct view of the contents of the *first part*, and a more copious detail of what may be expected in the *second*; that the connexion of the whole may appear, and that not the least shadow of doubt may remain, of the exact correspondence of the work with its title, *An UNIVERSAL HISTORY, from the earliest ages to the present time.*

The ANTIENT HISTORY (already published) comprehends,

*First*, The cosmogony, or creation of the world, amply explained, and the several curious speculations of learned men on that subject fairly represented; as also, whatever has been advanced most worthy of notice, in respect to the creation of *Adam*, the situation of the garden of *Eden*, the fall of man, the history before the flood, the state of the antediluvian world, and the changes made in the earth by the deluge, the situation of mount *Ararat*, the various opinions on that head, the history of *Noah* after the flood, and of his descendants to *Abraham*; the famous *Phœnician* history of *Sanchoniatho*, which is the fountain of fabulous theogony, cosmogony, and physiology; the removal of mankind from about mount *Ararat* to the plain of *Schinaar*, the building of *Babel*, the confusion of tongues, the dispersion of mankind, and the two first general migrations:

An account is next given of the original of civil government, and the establishment of the first kingdom erected after the dispersion of mankind.

Then follows a description of *Egypt*, containing the antiquity, government, laws, religion, customs, arts, learning, and trade of the antient *Egyptians*; the *Egyptian* chronology to the time of *Alexander the Great*; the history of *Osiris*, *Isis*, *Typhon*, and *Orus*, with the reigns of the succeeding kings of *Egypt*.

The histories of *Moab*, *Ammon*, *Midian*, or *Madian*; of *Edom*, *Analek*, *Canaan*, and of the *Philistines*.

A description of *Syria*; containing the government, laws, religion, &c. together with the chronology, and the reign of the kings of the antient *Syrians*.

The history of *Phœnicia*; under its respective branches of government, laws, religion; &c. with its chronology, and succession of kings, from the antient fabulous history of the *Greeks*, with proper remarks.

The history of the *Hebrews* from *Abraham* to *Moses*, their bondage in *Egypt*, their entrance into the land of *Canaan*, their history under *Joshua*, a description of the *Land of Promise*; the religion, government, laws, customs, learning, arts, and commerce of the *Jews*; their chronology from the calling of *Abraham*, to the

*Babylonish* captivity; the history of the *Jews* under their monarchical government, with an essay on the rise and progress of idolatry, as well as arts reputed magical.

An explanation at large of *Solomon's* temple, according to the sacred historians, with a description of *Jerusalem*.

The history of *Affyria* follows next; containing a description of *Affyria*; the government, laws, religion, customs, arts, learning, and trade, of the *Affyrians*; their chronology to the fall of that empire; the history of *Affyria* according to *Ctesias of Cnides*, and his followers; the history of *Affyria* according to Scripture, and the best approved amongst profane authors.

The history of the *Babylonians*, from the first rise of their monarchy to its dissolution.

The description of *Media*; containing an account of the government, laws, religion, customs, arts, learning, and trade, of the *Medes*, to the translation of their empire to the *Perians*; which brings us next to

The description of *Perisia*; and the customs, arts, learning, trade, and religion, of the *Perians*; with the reigns of their kings.

We then enter upon an inquiry into the origin, antiquity, migrations, and settlements, of the *Scythians* and *Gomerians*, considered as distinct nations, by way of introduction to their history.

The history of the *Celtes* under the names of *Gomerians*, *Cymmerians*, *Cimbrians*, *Celtes*, *Gauls*, *Galatians*, *Titans*, *Sacs*, &c. containing the antiquities, government, laws, religion, customs, learning, and trade, of the antient *Celtes*; the chronology and history of the *Gomerians* or *Celtes*.

The geography of *Scythia*; with the laws, religion, customs, and learning, of the antient *Scythians*; also the history of the kings of that nation.

The history of the antient *Phrygians*, and the reigns of the kings of *Phrygia*.

The history of *Phrygia Minor*; containing an account of the government, religion, customs, learning, and trade, of the *Trojans*; with a succinct view of their kings.

The history of the *Mysians* and *Lydians*, including the succession of their monarchs.

The history of the antient *Lycians*.

An account of the fabulous and heroic times.

The histories of the antient kingdoms of *Sicyon*, *Argos*, *Attica*, *Bœotia*, *Thebes*, *Arcadia*, *Thessaly*, *Phocis*, *Corinth*, *Lacedæmonia*, *Elis*, *Etolia*, *Locris*, *Doris*, and *Achaia*.

Of the state of *Athens*, from the establishment of annual archons to the *Achæan* league.

The history of *Sparta*, from *Lycurgus* to its junction by *Philopæmer* to the *Achæan* confederacy.

The histories of *Achaia*, *Ætolia*, *Sicily*, *Rhodes*, *Crete*, *Cyprus*, and *Samos*.

The history of the islands of the *Propontis*; viz. *Proconnesus*, *Besbicus*, *Tenedos*, *Lesbos*, *Chios*, *Icaria*, *Cos*, *Nisyra*, *Carpathus*, &c.

The history of the islands in the *Cretan sea*; viz. *Thera*, the *Cyclades*, *Delos*, *Rhænæa*, *Cyrus*, *Sciathus*.

The history of the *Macedonians*; comprehending the laws, manners, and military discipline, of that people; the history of the *Macedonian kingdom*, from its foundation to the reign of *Philip*, the father of *Alexander*; the reign of *Alexander the Great*, the division of the *Macedonian empire*, the history of the reign of *Antigonus* and his son *Demetrius* in *Asia*; the history of *Macedon*, from the death of *Alexander* to the time of its being conquered by the *Romans*.

The history of the *Seleucidae* in *Syria*, to the reduction of their dominions by the *Romans*.

The history of *Egypt*, from the foundation of that monarchy by *Ptolemy Lagus*, or *Soter*, to its being made a *Roman province*.

The history of the *Armenians*, with the succession of the kings of *Armenia Major*.

The history of the kingdom of *Pontus*.

The history of the *Cappadocians*.

The history of the kings of *Pergamus*.

The history of *Thrace*.

The history of the antient kingdom of *Epirus*, and the princes reigning there.

The history of *Bithynia*.

The history of the kingdoms of *Colchis*, *Iberia*, *Albania*, *Bosphorus*, *Media*, *Bactria*, *Edessa*, *Emesa*, *Adiabene*, *Characene*, *Elymais*, *Comagene*, and *Calcidene*.

The history of the *Jews*, from their return out of the *Babylonish captivity* to their falling under the government of their high-priests, &c. their transactions under them and the *Maccabees*; their history from *Judas Maccabeus* to their subjugation by the *Romans*; from thence to the reign of *Herod the Great*; from *Herod the Great's* reign to the birth of *Christ*, with an account of the principal sects then in *Judæa*; from the birth to the death of *Christ*; from *Christ's* resurrection to the total destruction of the city and temple, and the intire dispersion of the *Jewish nation*.

The history of the *Parthians*, from *Arsaces* to the recovery of the kingdom by the *Persians*.

The history of the *Perians* from that period to their being subdued by the *Arabs*.

The antient state of *Italy* previous to the building of *Rome*; containing a description of *Italy*, the antient state and first inhabitants of that noble peninsula; the antient kings of *Hetruria*, *Latium*, and *Alba*; the *Roman history* from *Romulus* to the foundation of the

commonwealth ; the consular state of *Rome* to the burning of the city by the *Gauls* ; from the rebuilding of *Rome* to the first *Carthaginian* or *Punic* war ; from thence to the end of the second *Punic* war ; from thence to the last *Punic* war, and the destruction of *Carthage* ; to the sedition of the *Gracchi* ; from the sedition of the *Gracchi* to the triumvirate of *J. Cæsar*, *Pompey*, and *Crassus* ; from the triumvirate to the death of *J. Cæsar* ; from thence to the perfect settling of the empire by *Octavianus* ; from the reign of *Octavianus Augustus* to the death of *Domitian*, the last of the twelve *Cæsars* ; a succinct account of the persecution of the *Alexandrian Jews*, and of *Philo's* embassy to *Caius Caligula* ; from the death of *Domitian* to the death of *Alexander Severus*, when the empire was first transferred, without the consent of the senate ; from that period to the removal of the imperial seat to *Constantinople* by *Constantine the Great* ; from the reign of that emperor to the division of the empire ; and from thence to the final extinction of the *Western* empire in *Augustulus*.

The antient state of several *Northern* nations to their irruption into the *Roman* empire, with their several expeditions and mutual expulsions, till the settling of the *Hunns* in *Hungary* ; the *Vandals*, *Visigoths*, and *Sueves*, in *Spain* ; the *Vandals* in *Afric*, the *Franks* in *Gaul*, and *Ostrogoths* in *Italy* ; containing the history, wars, and settlements, of the antient *Hunns*, &c. after which follows the antient state and history of the *Burgundi*, *Alemans*, *Gepidae*, *Heruli*, *Marcomans*, *Quadians*, *Sarmatians*, *Dacians*, *Lombards*, and *Bulgarians*.

The history of the *Ostrogoths* in *Italy*, the exarchs of *Ravenna*, and the *Lombards*, in *Italy* ; containing the history of the *Ostrogoths* in *Italy* to their expulsion by *Narses* ; the history of the *Lombards* from the death of *Claphis* to *Desiderius*, taken prisoner by *Charlemagne*, and of the exarchate of *Ravenna*.

The history of the *Eastern* empire from the dissolution of the *Western*, to the taking of *Constantinople* by the *Latins* ; from the expulsion of the *Latins* by the *Greeks* to the taking of *Constantinople* by the *Turks*, and the utter destruction of the *Greek* empire.

The history of the *Carthaginians* ; containing a description of *Carthage*, and some account of the origin of that city ; a succinct view of *Africa Propria*, or the territory of *Carthage* ; the antiquity, government, laws, religion, language, customs, arts, learning, and trade, of the *Carthaginians* ; their chronology and history, from the foundation of their city to the first *Punic* war ; from the first to the second *Punic* war ; from the beginning of the second *Punic* war to the destruction of *Carthage* by *Emilianus*.

The history of the *Numidians* to their being conquered by the *Romans* ; containing the description of *Numidia* ; the antiquity, government,

vernment, laws, religion, language, customs, arts, &c. of the *Nomadians*; their history from the earliest accounts of time to the conquest of their country by the *Romans*.

The history of the *Mauritanians* to the intire destruction of their country by the *Romans*.

The history of the *Gætulians*, *Melanogætuli*, *Nigritæ*, and *Garamantes*.

The history of the *Libyans* and *Greeks*, inhabiting the tract between the borders of *Egypt* and the river *Triton*; comprehending the histories of the *Libyans* of *Marmarica*, of *Cyrenaica*, and of the *Regio Syrtica*.

The history of the *Ethiopians*; containing the description of *Ethiopia*; the antiquity, government, laws, religion, language, customs, arts, &c. of the *Ethiopians*; with their history to the usurpation of the *Zagean* family, which commenced about the year of *Christ* 960.

The history of the *Arabs*, and their antient state, to the time of *Mohammed*; containing the description of *Arabia*; the antiquity, government, laws, religion, language, learning, arts and sciences, disposition, &c. of the *Arabs*.

The history of the empires of *Nice* and *Trapezond* from their foundation (the former, by *Theodore Lascaris*; and the latter, by the *Comneni*) to their final abolition; the one, by *Michael Palæologus*, and the other by *Mohammed the Great*.

The state and history of *Spain* from the earliest times; containing a description of that extensive country; the religion, government, customs, learning, &c. of the antient *Spaniards*; their origin, kings, &c. the conquest of *Spain* by the *Carthaginians* and *Romans*, to the entrance of the *Goths*, and other *Northern* nations.

The antient state, &c. of the *Gauls*, to their conquest by *Julius Cæsar*, and to the irruption of the *Franks*; containing a description of *Gaul*; the religion of the antient *Gauls*, and when they first introduced the worship of inferior deities; their origin, government, learning, commerce, and customs.

The history of the antient *Germans*, to their breaking into the *Roman* empire, their invasion of *Gaul*, and expulsion by the *Franks*; containing a description of *Germany*, with its various nations, names, &c. also an account of the religion, government, laws, customs, language, &c. of the antient *Germans*.

The antient state and history of *Britain*; its first inhabitants, religion, customs, &c. and their state under the *Romans*; their history from the first coming of *Julius Cæsar* to the desertion of the island by the *Romans*; and thence to the invasion of the *Angles* and *Saxons*.

The history of the empire of the *Arabs* under the first four *khalifs*; and those of the families of *Ommiyah* and *Abbâs*, to the taking of *Baghdâd* by the *Tartars*.

An account of the families of *Tolún* and *Aksbíd*, and of the *Fatimite* and *Abbasid* khalifs of *Egypt*.

The history of the *Etruscans*, one of the most celebrated nations of *Italy*, including the geography of their country; an account of their manners, religion, language, arts, &c. also the like account of the *Umbrians*, *Sabines*, and several other *Italian* nations.

A particular account of *Xenophon's* glorious retreat with an handful of *Greeks* in spite of the whole power of the *Persian* empire.

The history of the antient *Indians*, *Chinese*, *Tartars*, &c.

The most probable conjectures concerning the first peopling of *America*.

A dissertation on the independency of the *Arabs*.

The tables now added in the nature of a chronological index, and comprehending likewise a methodical and useful summary of facts, digested in a regular series of time, cannot but be acceptable to the readers for the reasons that are assigned in the preface; and this may suffice, with regard to the first part of the work.

In respect to the second part, which is very properly distinguished by the title of the MODERN HISTORY; it will be found a punctual pursuit of the original plan, except in such cases where it was found requisite for the sake of perspicuity to enlarge it, and to make an addition of such particulars as discovered themselves to be necessary in the course of its execution; so that the scattered threads of the several histories being taken up again precisely where they were let fall in the former part, the narration is carried on without any chasm whatsoever to its final period.

This part of our work will open with the life of *Mohammed*, that famous *Arab*, who imposed his name on a new, and, so far as it is new, a false religion; the professors of which, in a surprisingly short space of time, erected several great empires, some of which are still in their possession, and contain many of the most delightful countries upon the globe. This will be in a great measure new, at least in our language, and to the most part of our readers; as being chiefly drawn from their own authors, delivered without partiality or prejudice; but intirely free from those rhetorical flourishes, and flighty metaphors, with which the writings of the *Oriental*s are commonly disguised. The history is here resumed of those famous and fertile countries which made so great a figure in antient authors; and in treating of which, a multitude of errors will be corrected, many omissions supplied, and various obstacles removed, that hitherto have highly disgraced what has been published on this subject by the moderns. To descend a little into particulars; after the life of *Mohammed*, the reader will next find the

Succession of the *Ommiyan* khalifs, and *Moorish* kings in *Spain*, to the conquest of *Granada*.

Rise and progress of the *Aglibites*, *Rostamites*, *Edrisites*, and the *Fatemites* in *Africa*.

A complete view of the monarchies which sprung up in *Irân*, or *Persia* at large, on the declension of the khalifs to the conquest of the *Tartars*; viz. the *Taberians*, *Saffarians*, *Sammanians*, *Deylamites*, *Buiyans*, *Gaznevids*, and *Khowârazmians*.

The history of the *Indians* to the conquest of that vast country by *Mahmûd Gazni*, and his successors of the families of *Gazni*, *Gaur*, and *Kurt*, till the subversion of their power by *Timûr Beg*, and the *Moguls*.

The history of the *Atabeks* of *Persia*, *Mesopotamia*, and *Syria*.

And of the *Ayubites* in *Syria*, *Egypt*, and *Arabia*, from *Salâh-addîn* to the usurpation of the *Mamluks*.

Account of the *Mamluks* in *Egypt* to the conquest of that country by the *Turks*.

The rise and progress of the *Molâhidah* or *Ismaelians* in *Irân* and *Syria*, commonly called *Affassins*, to their extirpation by the *Tartars*.

History of the *Zeyrites*, *Al Morabeta* or *Molathemiyah*, *Al Ma-abedun*, and *Banu Merîn* in *West Barbary*.

The history of the *Turks* and their empire in *Turkestan*, from its foundation to their conquest by *Jenghîz Khân*.

Account of the principality of the *Seljukians* or *Oriental Turks* in *Persia*, *Kermân*, and *Rûm*, or *Anatolia*.

The like of the *Oguzians* or *Western Turks*, from *Othmân* to the present time.

Origin and conquests of the *Oriental* and *Occidental Turkmâns*, and the tribes of *Kara Koyûniû* and *Ak Koyûnlu*, to the conquest of *Persia* by *Shâh Ismael Súfi*.

The history of the *Moguls* and *Tartars* at the time of *Jenghîz Khân*, according to their own writers.

View of the empire of the *Moguls*, and of the successors of *Jenghîz Khân*, in the several parts of his empire till *Timûr Beg*; and the conquest of *Kipjak* by the *Russians*.

A succinct detail of the lesser dynasties during that interval.

The history of *Timûr Beg*, and his successors in *Irân* and *Jagatay*, to their expulsion by the *Uzbeks*.

The like of the *Uzbek Khâns* of *Great Bukhâria*, and of *Khowarasm*.

The succession of the *Moguls*, and their empire in *India*, from *Soltân Babor*.

The succession of the *Shâhs* of *Irân* or *Persia*, from *Ismael Súfi* to the dethroning of the late *Shâh Hoseyn*.

Memoirs of the kingdom of *Harmûz* or *Ormuz*, on the coast of *Persia*, also of other kingdoms in the *East Indies*.

The history of *Gurgâsjin*, or *Kurjistan*, now *Georgia*, under its shahs or kings, down to its being conquered by the *Turks*.

These histories require, and are accordingly allowed, a considerable compass, which cannot but be very acceptable to every intelligent reader; who must be sensible how much we are at a loss as to those great empires of the *Arabs*, *Oriental Turks*, and *Tartars*, which heretofore made so great a figure in the world, and were in no respect inferior to those four great empires, the relations of which alone have hitherto passed for general history. With regard also to the empires of the *Mogul*, the *Persians*, and the *Othmans*, called, for distinction, the *Occidental Turks*; it no less imports us to acquire just notions of their past and present condition, in order thoroughly to comprehend **UNIVERSAL HISTORY** in its strict and proper sense; and there is no doubt, that in succeeding times, the bringing their history out of the recesses of libraries, and the cabinets of a few curious persons, into open day, will be considered as a peculiar advantage, and a very singular service, rendered to the public by this work.

The history of the great empire of *China*, and all its dependencies, follows next, and is continued down to the present times.

After this the reader will find the like history of the empire and islands of *Japan*, the peninsula of *Korca*, and the adjacent islands.

A complete and copious account of the rise, progress, and present state, of the *European* settlements in the *East Indies*, including that of the companies established for promoting and extending this commerce, with the disputes that have arisen upon this head in *Europe*; besides a great variety of other curious particulars not extant before in our language.

The continuation of the history of the *Jews* from their dispersion, and the destruction of *Jerusalem* by *Titus Vespasian*, down to the close of the last century.

We then enter upon the detail of the modern kingdoms and states in *Europe*, by those which lie in the most *Southern* parts; and of these the readers will, in the first place, meet with,

The history of *Spain*, from the restoration of the *Gothic* power by *Don Pelayo* in *Asturias*; the founding the several kingdoms of *Leon*, *Arragon*, and *Castile*, till the expulsion of the *Moors*, and the complete restitution of the monarchy by *Ferdinand the Catholic*; and from thence to the establishment of *Philip the Fifth*; with the history of *Navarre* apart, to its union with *France*.

Of *Portugal*, from *Henry of Burgundy* to this time.

Of *France*, from *Pharamond* to the death of *Lewis the fourteenth*.

Of the duchy of *Normandy*, to its being united to the *French* crown.

Of the kings of *Italy*, from *Berengarius* to their extinction by *Otha*.

Of the popes, from their original to this time; with the affairs of the church, so far as they are connected with civil history.

Of the republics of *Venice, Genoa, Lucca, &c.*

Of the kingdoms of *Naples* and *Sicily*, from *Tancred* to their being conquered by the *French* and *Spaniards*.

Of *Sardinia, Corsica, &c.*

Of the dukedoms of *Milan, Florence, Ferrara, Modena, Urbino, Mantua, Parma, and Savoy.*

Of the *Swiss-Cantons, Grisons, Geneva, &c.*

We proceed next to the kingdoms and states in the *Northern* part of *Europe*, depending chiefly upon their own historians; and yet not so absolutely as to abstain from comparing and confronting them with those of their neighbours, in order to follow truth wherever she appears; and to convince the reader, that we do so, by the best evidence in our power. In pursuing this tract, we treat of

The history of the *Western* empire under the *French* and *Germans* to this time.

of the several circles which compose the *German* empire, and of the *Hanse* towns.

of *Bohemia* to the present time.

of *Hungary* to the same period.

of *England* and *Wales*, from the invasion of the *Saxons* and *Angles*.

of *Scotland*, to the reduction of the *Picts* by *Fergus*, and thence to the union.

of *Ireland*, to its conquest under *Henry the second*, and from thence to this time.

of the states of *Holland*, and their *stadholder*.

of the dukedoms of *Burgundy, Lorrain, &c.*

of *Denmark* and *Norway*.

of *Sweden*.

of the kingdom of *Prussia*.

of *Poland*, and its dependencies.

of *Russia*, to the death of the late czarina, with various conquests by the czars; particularly the kingdoms of *Kazin, Astrakan, Siberia, &c.*

of the other Sclavonic states, *Moldavia, Wallachia, &c.*

The history of *Africa*, through the scantiness of materials, falls under a very few heads; which are

The history of the empire of *Abissinia or Ethiopia*, brought down as low as is possible.

of the states of *Aigiers, Tunis, and Tripoli*.

An account of the kingdom of the *Vandals* in *Africa*.

of the *Negroes, Hottentots, Kafirs*, and other wild nations of *Africa*, particularly of those which inhabit the *Gold Coast*, along the great rivers *Sanaga* and *Gambia*, the coast of *Zanguebar, &c.*

An

An account of the isle of *Malta*.

of the sharifs in *Fez* and *Morocco*, to the death of *Muley Ismael*.

of the settlements of the *Europeans* in *Africa*, from the time they were made to the present. We go lastly to

The history of the discovery of *America*.

of *Mexico*, under the dominion of its antient emperors to its being conquered by the *Spaniards*.

of *Peru*, under the inca's, down to the same period.

of the settlements and conquests of the *Europeans*

in *America*; including the natural and commercial histories of the colonies belonging to the *Spaniards*, *English*, *French*, *Dutch*, and *Danes*.

The conclusion is so contrived as to make it a kind of separate and distinct work, under the title of THE PRESENT STATE OF THE UNIVERSE; containing a clear, circumstantial, but concise representation of the posture in which things were throughout all the quarters of the globe, at the entrance of the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty; so that the necessary additions and alterations in succeeding times may be confined to this part only; which we conceive cannot but be highly acceptable to the purchasers.



## To the P U B L I C.

*November 15th, 1752.*

**I**N pursuance of what is mentioned in the preceding plan, it is proposed to begin the monthly REPUBLICATION of the ANTIENT HISTORY on the first of *February 1753*, at the former price of 5 s. a volume, in boards.

A XXI<sup>st</sup> volume will be added, containing CHRONOLOGICAL TABLES to the preceding XX volumes, which the proprietors had engaged to print; and which have been attended with great trouble and expence, and, though sold at no more than 5 s. as the rest, will contain 39 Sheets of close Print.

This volume will be sold singly to complete the Sets of former Subscribers.

Immediately after the Republication of the XXI volumes is completed, it is proposed to publish the MODERN HISTORY, every month a volume, without interruption, till the whole is finished: To be printed in the same manner as the ANTIENT, and sold, like that, to Subscribers at the price of five shillings, in boards.

As near as can be computed, the MODERN PART will be comprised in XXV volumes: Illustrated with maps, cuts, &c.

Encouragers of the work are desired to send in their names to the proprietors; viz.

THOMAS OSBORNE, in *Gray's Inn*;  
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 S. BLADEN,  
 ANDREW MILLAR, in the *Strand*.

Such gentlemen as have not as yet completed their Sets of the folio edition, are desired to do it with all expedition, there being very few of some of the volumes left.

The additional volume in Folio may be had of the above Proprietors. It contains, as follows :

The history of the *Etruscans*.

The history of the *Umbrians* and *Sabines*; together with an account of the other most antient *Italian* nations.

The Sequel of the *Theban* history, from the time of their becoming a commonwealth, to their reduction by, and peace with, *Philip* of *Macedon*; in which their carrying on of the *Phocian* or sacred war; and the histories of the *Arcadians*, *Corinthians*, *Argives*, *Thessalians*, *Eleans*, and other inferior states, are continued.

The antient state of the *Turks*, *Tartars*, and *Moguls*.

of the *Indians*.

of the *Chinese*.

A dissertation upon the peopling of *America*.

A dissertation upon the independency of the *Arabs*.

